

Creative Family Living

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THE CHILD AS A WHOLE

Newer trends in child growth and development offer the concept of the child as a "whole" . . . that he must be considered in relation to his environment in order for any evaluation of him to be meaningful.

Life requires the child to be able to express in many complex and varied roles through the years. The relationships he builds in these many areas of his life play a most important part in the growth and development of his total personality and behavior.

When we consider the child, it must be with this "whole child" approach, which means we would, in addition to different areas of his life and his relationships and adjustment therein, consider his over-all level of emotional maturity as well as his behavior, attitudes, etc.

ENVIRONMENT IMPORTANT

So often a child is labeled "good, bad, or smart," etc., for all time when perhaps he has exhibited some of these qualities only in a given area of his life. We do need to be sure and examine his environment at any given time also to see his relationship to it.

Many times the environment is playing a role in determining the type of behavior a child is exhibiting. For example, in many instances when the children go to grandma's house, know how "easy" it is for them to be "good."

RELATIONSHIPS MEANINGFUL

Recently there appeared in a local newspaper the story of a boy who turned Communist. The mother related "he was such a good boy." We need to ask in relation to what? Under what circumstances? What kinds of situations brought forth the "good" of this boy?

As the account progressed it became quite clear that there was a lack of creative spontaneous behavior on the part of the boy except in a few limited areas. Mainly there was a complete lack of understanding of himself and his ability to build meaningful relationships with those of his own age group. Over and over he turned toward those senior to him, it appeared in preference to those on a level of development and understanding with himself. The mother's statement was "I don't understand it" . . .

ATTITUDES IMPORTANT

Let us not fail to evaluate our child as a whole personality in relationship to his little world about him at any given time, as well as the various roles he plays in life. In this way we can observe him more objectively and guide him more intelligently, as well as discover any lack, repression, inhibition on his part long before it can cause major difficulty in his life.

Just because a child does well in the academic portion of his school experiences doesn't excuse his parents from examining his interpersonal relationships in that school experience. His attitudes, interest, activities, and general approach to the "whole" is vital in determining his mental health.

Fortunate are the parents whose child is in a school experience in which his educators have this approach. I can't stress it enough.

Help your child to grow and develop in an all-around manner, gradually guiding him to greater degrees of self-expression.

Next week I'll begin a series on your child's temperament. (QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS MAY BE ADDRESSED TO MRS. LAW, C/O THE TORRANCE HERALD).



MRS. C. ALBERT SMITH
... Accepts Junior Club Presidency

Show Draws 500 Women, About \$900

About 500 women viewed summer fashions around the pool at Portuguese Bend Club Monday afternoon when Las Vecinas Woman's Club presented its annual style show. Mrs. Clayton L. Geiger, general chairman, reported.

The crowd brought in from \$800 and \$900 for the club's philanthropic work in youth and welfare fields, she said. Funds will be used for local Scout activities and to purchase needed equipment for Harbor General Hospital.

The orchestra of Joe Moshay provided background music for the show, while Mary Webb Davis served as commentator.

Other committee chairmen were Mmes. Philip C. Downing, program; Max B. Weber, master seating; David Hurrford and Oscar C. Lundstrom, tickets; Alex E. Hunt, publicity; Charles G. Sexton, decoration; Lee Washington, prizes; John Veltman, favors; Virgil W. Holden and L. M. Nash, special services.



DRAMATIC . . . Costumes climaxing Monday's benefit fashion show, sponsored at Portuguese Bend Clubhouse by Las Vecinas Woman's Club, were white Chantilly lace sheath studded with sequins with matching jacket outlined completely in white fox fur, and another white sheath, with all-over embroidery detail and wide green taffeta cummerbund flaring into a great pouf to the hemline.

RUMMAGE SALE PLANNED
Mothers of the Cub Scout Pack 951-C, North Torrance group, will hold a fund-raising rummage sale on June 26. Goods will be on sale at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Russel Gendre, 3423 W. 188th St.



WALTZ WINNERS . . . Winners of the waltz contest at the Retail Clerks Local No. 205 dance last Saturday night are, from left to right, Mr. and Mrs. Cappy De Palma of Torrance, second prize; Manny Harmon, orchestra leader; Mr. and Mrs. J. Sherwood of Torrance, first prize; and Mr. and Mrs. Steven J. Holmsky of Torrance, third prize winner. Over 1000 attended the dance, held in the Hollywood Riviera Club.

Mrs. C. A. Smith Seated As Junior Club President

Colorful travel posters carried out the vacation motif in Clubhouse decor last night when Mrs. C. Albert (Louise) Smith, 1608 Hickory Ave., accepted the presidency of the Junior Woman's Club during installation rites conducted by Mrs. Parke Dunford of Huntington Park.

Other officers assuming their new duties were Mmes. Joe Helphand, first vice-president and program chairman; R. G. Beecher, second vice-president and membership chairman; Robert Mowry, third vice-president and wavy and means chairman; Douglas Baldwin, recording secretary; Robert Dexter, corresponding secretary; George Stevens, treasurer; C. P. Dillehay, auditor; John A. Barrington, parliamentarian; and Warren Perry, reporter.

Mrs. James Halle supervised decorations for the event, centering each table with souvenirs representing a different country. Menus were cleverly concealed in travel folders, and placecards were miniature suitcases.

"Life in Hollywood," an amusing skit by Rosemary DeCamp, took the program spotlight following the ceremonies. The talented Hollywood Riviera woman, wife of Judge John A. Shidler, has appeared in many films, plays the role of the nurse of radio's Dr. Christian, and does frequent roles on television.

Mrs. Barrington, outgoing president, and her 1953-54 executive board, were hostesses for the evening.

Mrs. Barrington played hostess to her board members and club advisors Monday evening preceding the installation at a cocktail hour at the R. D. Bolen home on Torrance Blvd. Officers gave their president a redwood table for her patio.



PRESENTS ORCHID . . . Miss Alyce Hill, one of the principals on the committee for the Retail Clerks Local No. 905 dance held in the Hollywood Riviera Club Saturday night, presents Rosemary DeCamp Shidler with an orchid, while Ivan Morris watches with approval. Mrs. Shidler awarded the prizes for the event, and Morris, of San Pedro, is the business agent for the Clerks' Union.

College Pair Reveal Troth

Engagement of Miss Birtha Olson to Roger Van Lovingsham was revealed to Long Beach College classmates at a Delta Zeta dinner dance last night and announced to the Herald by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ditley Olson, 24212 Neece Ave., Wialteria.



MISS BIRTHA OLSON
... Promises to Wed

Home Owners Slate Dance

Tickets for the first annual summer dance of the Torrance Gardens and Plaza Homeowners Association, planned for June 19 at the Hermosa Biltmore Ballroom, are now available from block captains, according to Rocky Janasik, president.

SCOUTS GET SQUARE DANCE INSTRUCTION

Square dancing lessons will be given to Girl Scout troops 1255 and 1277 twice a month this summer, with Robert Richter calling the dances at McMaster Hall.

Troop 1295 is led by Mmes. Laura Pesola and Carmen Chavez, and troop 1277 is directed by Mmes. Peggy Ball and Madell Holmes. Both groups are sponsored by Torrance Elementary PTA.

The Social World

...for and About Women

Agnes Bolter, Editor

Fabulous Array of Summer Fashions Shown at Bend Club

Shorter Skirts, 'Little Girl' Look Prevail

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NEWEST OF THE NEW . . . is lacy pink hamaca, sparkling with sequins, which tops this pale pink cotton. Dress skirt features dust ruffle of two-tone pink accordion pleats at hemline, patterned with bands and petals of lace.

For the full, flaring skirts, a collection of petticoats, "the more the merrier," is a must, the commentator said. Wide and stiff, they may be ruffled in matching or bright, contrasting hues.

The "little girl" look is fastidious this summer, demanding the bell underslips to set off its fullness. Necklines in this silhouette are demure and frequently trimmed in delicate lace, skirts are ruffled and bodices bowed, all to enhance the frivolously feminine appearance.

PINK FAVORITE
Color favorites are pale pink and blue, best adapted to the "little girl" concept; checks in these shades and the perennially favorite black and white are important. Season's newest, burnt orange and gray are combined effectively, and the same charcoal hue is set off frequently with touches of pure white.

The island theme is echoed in gay prints combining gold and red spiced with white and all colors of the rainbow are in full glee of gauze-like silk. Lilac with touches of pink also takes style headlines.

When the morale needs boosting, red is in order, and a two piece "conversation piece" with fitted jacket lined in Kelly green for one's own private "I did" took a spotlight in Monday's show. Red was checked with white in an unusual cotton with "lingerie neckline. A corsage of cherries on the right shoulder carried out the print over-patterned the checks, and an accordion-pleated ruffle at the hemline continued the box pattern of the pleated skirt.

Favorite of any season, navy, was shown most strikingly in Chantilly lace over taffeta with matching taffeta band and side pouf at the hipline. Another taffeta, in black, featured an off-shoulder neckline plunging to the waist, the bodice filled in with Chantilly lace.

BACK NECKLINE INTEREST
Neckline interest for the summer descends from front to back in most frocks. Modified front lines, deepen into wide scoops, often centered with jeweled clips. In back, square lines, both front and back, and deep V's also are important, as well as the modified scoop extending just over the shoulders, a perfect fashion for the woman who likes "just a little sleeve." Halter necklines continue in importance.

Jackets, in full box, fitted, or bolero style take a spotlight to cover up bare shoulders during cool California evenings. Many boleros are lined and cuffed in bright hues to match wide cummerbunds at the waist of the dress; full-length coats in solid colors matching the dominant print shade also top many dress ensembles.

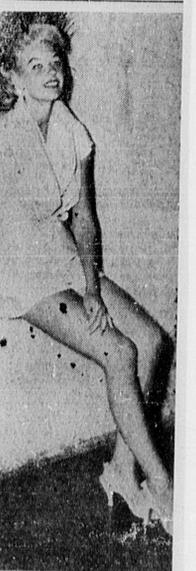
Newest in the jacket line are the hamaca, (see photo) a short-sleeved bolero with the tiniest of sleeves, and a knit, elbow-length shortie with stand-up collar good from dawn to dark, as apropos over tennis shorts as evening gown.

FUR FOR ELEGANCE
Fur is back in style in jacket trim, with white fox setting of bejeweled cocktail suit jackets or sheath toppers, and beige pink mink adding harmonizing elegance to pink evening wear. Drawing admiration at the show was a pure silk organza, ballerina-length gown, the bouffant skirt tucked and draped and the strapless neckline tapered with tiny ruffles.

Sparkling like stars in the night were most evening and cocktail gowns, studded with sequins or pearls or both. Jewels outlined lace-edged necklines or formed glittering centers for lace, petals embroidered on the frocks.



PRACTICAL AND SMART . . . is velon, a test tube fabric created here into a pale pink raincoat with the "little girl" look which is one of fashion's favorites this summer. Ensemble is complete with matching bag and befruffed umbrella.



SHORTS STORY . . . Pale pink leather sets a new style note in shorts fashions, with matching pink pearl trim or either side and an Italian-cut top knotted at the waist. Other new in the fabric line a black and white straw braided frock and a white and white check skirt of woven satin ribbon, could not be captured pictorially as models had to dash to another show.

DENTAL HEALTH TALK ON Y-WIVES' SLATE

Dr. Wayne Ingalls will address the Y-Wives at their weekly meeting tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. at the YWCA. Dr. Ingalls is director of public health dentistry with the Los Angeles County Health Department.